Grant of soft loans to Rajasthan

1450. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from Government of Rajasthan for grant of soft loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to help improve the economy of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Improving economy of a State particularly is the responsibility of the State Government. Government of India provides Central assistance for State Plans to help in this task. Central assistance for Annual Plan 2003-04 of Rajasthan is Rs. 2509.25 crores as against the total approved Plan outlay of Rs. 4258 crores.

FDI confidence Index 2003

1451. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the AT Kearney, FDI confidence index 2003, India has moved to 6th most attractive FDI destinations of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would translate this to get more FDI flow into the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) As per the 2003 FDI Confidence Index released by AT Kearney in September, 2003, India has been pleaced at the sixth place against 15th position in the year 2002.